

REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated October 6, 2003, the Examiner states that Claims 1-7 are pending, Claims 1 and 2 are rejected and Claims 3-7 are objected to. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 and 2 are rejected as anticipated by the prior art. However, Claims 3-7 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

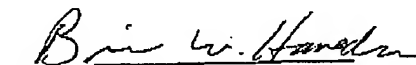
The Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the features of Claims 2 and 3. Claim 1 and the remaining claims dependent thereon are thus considered allowable.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in better condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TITLE: SETTEE WITH A FOLDABLE TRAY-SUPPORT UNIT

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AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A settee comprising:
- an elongated seat unit including a seat frame having opposing front and rear frame portions, and a backrest frame which extends uprightly from said rear frame portion and which defines a tray-accommodating space; and
- a tray-support unit including a tray-support frame that has a lower frame section with a front end and a rear end opposite to said front end and pivoted to said rear frame portion of said seat frame in such a manner that said tray-support frame is rotatable relative to said seat frame between a storing position, in which, said front end of said tray-support frame is turned to and retained within said tray-accommodating space, and a used position, in which, said front end of said tray-support frame is seated on said seat frame;

wherein said tray-support unit further includes a pivot plate which extends upwardly from said rear frame portion of said seat frame and which is formed with a vertical slot, and a pivot pin that extends through said vertical slot and said rear end of said lower frame section of said tray-support frame, said pivot pin being movable

upwardly and downwardly along the length of said vertical slot to permit said tray-support frame to be seated evenly on said seat frame;

wherein said backrest frame has an upper cross-bar and a positioning member mounted on said upper cross-bar, said front end of said lower frame section of said tray-support frame releasably engaging said positioning member so as to be retained at said storing position.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The settee as defined in ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein said

tray support unit further includes a tray seated on said tray-support frame, and a tray cover pivoted on said tray-support frame so as to be movable, when said tray-support frame is disposed at said used position, between a covering position, in which, said tray cover conceals said tray underneath, and a non-covering position, in which, said tray cover is turned to and is retained in said tray-accommodating space, thereby exposing said tray so as to be accessible from an exterior of said tray-support frame.

5. (original) The settee as defined in claim 4, wherein said tray-support frame has an upper frame section in the form of spaced apart inverted U-shaped frame parts fixed on said lower frame section and extending between said front and rear frame portions of said seat frame, said tray being seated between said inverted U-shaped frame parts, said tray cover including a net disposed over said inverted U-shaped frame parts, a U-shaped rod unit surrounding said net, and a pair of U-shaped rod sections extending integrally from said rod unit and pivoted to said inverted U-shaped frame parts in such a manner that said U-shaped rod sections rest on rear ends of said U-shaped frame part when said tray cover is positioned at said non-covering position.

6. (original) The settee as defined in claim 5, wherein said tray-support unit further includes a fastener clasp mounted on said rod unit of said tray cover and adapted to engage detachably one of said inverted U-shaped frame parts so as to prevent untimely movement of said tray cover relative to said tray-support frame from said covering position to said non-covering position when said tray-support frame is disposed at said used position.

7. (original) The settee as defined in claim 6, further comprising left and right seat supports between which said elongated seat unit is disposed, and a connecting frame disposed above said seat unit and interconnecting upper ends of said left and right seat-supports, said seat unit being mounted swingeably on said connecting frame.